

Welcome to the WNY Young Writers' Studio!



We can't wait to meet you!

Welcome to the WNY Young Writer's Studio fellowship program. We're certain you will feel very much at home within our group, and we are all looking forward to helping you become an important part of our work together.

You can begin getting acquainted with Studio by visiting our online communities:

You can learn more about us by reading various blog postings and updates.
You may begin your reading here: <http://wnyyws.org/blog>

Studio is also on Facebook, where we update members and their parents on recent happenings. We also discuss great articles and blog posts and recommend helpful resources for writers, teachers, and parents there: <http://tinyurl.com/y65ucaf>

Enclosed you will find:

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

A Parent Consent Form

Directions to Studio

Please Return the Consent Form to:

The WNY Young Writer's Studio
3062 Delaware Avenue
Kenmore, New York 14217

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **How old should writers be in order to attend Studio?**

We offer a variety of workshops and fellowships for writers of all ages. Our elementary fellowship program is open to writers ages 5-11, and our secondary fellowship program is open to writers 12-17. Fellowships involve one week of writing in the summer and monthly sessions on Saturdays during the school year. Some write with us during the summer or school year only, but many write with us year-round. ***We ask that you register separately for summer, fall, and spring sessions for this reason.***

- **Do participants have to be strong writers in order to attend?**

The purpose of the studio is to nurture each writer's love of the process. Writers of all experience and proficiency levels attend Studio sessions, and care will be taken to ensure that every member of the group feels valued and encouraged. We're here to have fun and grow together over time.

- **What is the mentorship program?**

Mentors are veterans of Studio who are interested in becoming teachers of writing in any setting one day. They study and implement promising practices within our elementary fellowship program. Mentors reflect on their learning, engage in inquiry, and discover what it means to teach writing ***well*** within the current education climate. Mentors attend their own fellowship program and workshops for free.

- **Will snacks be provided?**

Snacks and beverages are provided at all Studio sessions, and writers are welcome to bring their own as well. We are careful to inquire about food allergies as well. Please be sure to complete your consent form and let Angela know about your child's needs well ahead of your start date.

- **Is financial assistance available?**

If your student or child would like to attend Studio sessions but cannot afford the registration fee, please consider donating time, talent, or resources in lieu of payment. At Studio, we encourage everyone to "give what they can" and sometimes, what people can give is more than money can buy! Please contact Angela to make arrangements that will work for your family.

- **How do the year-round sessions for the fellowship programs work?**

We meet on the SECOND Saturday of each month from September through December and again from January through June. Elementary Studio fellows will meet from 9:00-12:00 am and writers in grades 6-12 will meet from 1:00-4:00pm. Teachers must arrive one half hour prior to the start of each session. Mentors arrive one full hour ahead of the elementary program—at 8am.

- **What is expected of each writer?**

While writers are not expected to write a certain type or number of pieces, they are expected to behave as kind and supportive community members. The way we speak to one another and treat one another at Studio has everything to do with the level of safety people feel here. This is critical to our success, and it is something that we work very hard to protect. Please know that writers who chose to behave in ways that are hurtful to their own progress or that of others may be asked to leave at the Angela's discretion, and reimbursements will not be provided. ***If you question your child's ability to behave well or be supportive and encouraging to others, please do not send him or her to Studio.***

- **What supplies do writers need?**

All writers are provided the materials that they will need. They are encouraged to bring their own devices, should they wish to write with them, though. We have a growing number of tech tools available to writers at Studio, but we find that when writers bring their own devices, ownership increases and the transition between writing at home and writing with us is much smoother.

- **How does arrival and departure occur?**

We share a small parking lot with the salon next to our building, and parents are welcome to park there. On-street parking is also available on Kinsey Avenue. No standing is permitted in front of our building, however. Parents of elementary writers are asked to sign them in before leaving each day. Departure from Studio must happen in a timely manner. If you intend to be more than five minutes late, please notify the teacher. Additional fees may be assigned.

- **How are teachers selected?**

Studio teachers are New York State certified, experienced teachers who are practicing in local school districts. Every teacher in our program is a veteran fellow of our community. They participate in comprehensive training and receive mentoring throughout the year.

Do you have another question that isn't addressed here? Please email Angela at stockmanangela@gmail.com or give me a call at 716-418-3730. We're happy to help you!



Parent Consent Form

My child, _____, has my consent to participate in writing workshops at the WNY Young Writer's Studio.

I have informed the staff of my child's allergies, health issues or any other food-related concerns, and I have provided emergency contact information. I have met the staff and have seen the class locale and facilities. I understand that serious efforts have been made to ensure a safe, healthy, and engaging experience for my child.

Workshop activities may include blogging or publishing writing online in various other contexts. Writers may establish their own blogs, webpages, or digital portfolios, create their own content, and publish their writing online for a world-wide audience. My child has permission to engage in these activities, and I alone accept responsibility for overseeing my child's use of these spaces and maintaining his or her safety online while using it long term.

I will not hold staff or the WNY Young Writers' Studio liable for any injuries occurring during the class or while on the property. I understand that my child is encouraged but not required to bring his or her own technology devices for writing or research purposes. I will not hold staff or the WNY Young Writers' Studio responsible for damages to or loss of these devices.

These are my child's allergies, health issues, and/or food-related concerns: (Please Print)

Please circle: I **do/do not** give permission for my child's photograph to be used in promotional materials created by WNY Young Writers' Studio, which may include its website, Facebook page, Twitter account, brochures, and email communications.

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number:

Parents Home Phone AND Cell Phone:

Your Name: (please print)

Email Address:

Relationship to child:

Signature:

Date:

Directions to Studio:

We are located at 3062 Delaware Avenue in the Village of Kenmore, New York.

Insert your location here for customized directions: <http://tinyurl.com/cpgnna2>

